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Greetings From the Prioress: *God's New Creation*

As I grow into the honor and joy of being Prioress of our Benedictine Community, I have become much closer to St. Benedict and St. Scholastica. From St. Gregory the Great's stories, we know that St. Benedict searched to know his true calling and what God was gifting him to do and be for the Church. And many today are likewise searching...

Through his own steps of humility, he became wise and established a way of life that has prospered and evolved through the ages. Part of that evolution was formalized in the vow of *conversatio*. Benedictines are called and challenged daily to live that vow as we change our attitudes and behaviors so we can live at peace with the other members of the Community, our families, our neighbors, and the outside world.

It is particularly disheartening when leaders make decisions that appear materialistic or show an irresponsible disrespect for the earth and the futures of persons to whom they bear responsibility. But daily Divine Office and Eucharist remind me that God is at work in the depth of each and every person and each and every situation!

Some other challenges are from our inside world, as we face the aging of our vowed Sisters and the increasing needs of those to whom we minister. We are blessed to partner with our Oblates, Benedictine Associates and Volunteers to serve the needs of the many broken and disillusioned who seek renewed hope at our Monastery. Together, we all bring our gifts and our treasures and commitment to the mission here and in heaven.

My vision of the Monastic Community has deepened and expanded during my role as Prioress. It is a joy and blessing.

Enjoy reading how we are being called in new ways to serve God's people with a whole network of spiritual and physical support and new ways of fulfilling our ministries.

You will be blessed by our prayers, sacrifices and friendship as together we move into God's new creation.

United in that Spirit,

Sister Paula Hagen

Sister Paula Hagen, OSB
Prioress, St. Paul's Monastery



*Happy and Blessed
Easter from the St. Paul's
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Formation: *Becoming an Oblate*

by Reverend Paul Tillman, ObISB

Prior to my first visit to St. Paul's Monastery in the summer of 2014, my only experience with the Benedictine tradition came from college and seminary courses in Christian mysticism and Church history – and it seemed to me that Benedictine and Wesleyan-Methodist traditions aligned quite well.

However, when I chose to pursue Benedictine oblate formation, my friends, family and I naturally had many questions:

Why and what would it mean to become an Oblate of St. Benedict? Would I have to change denominations; would I have to pray to Mary? Would I have to give up my ordination in the Wesleyan-Methodist Church? Is my wife okay with me becoming a “monk”? Would I get baptized again?

These questions and many others, I continued to ask and contemplate during my year of oblate formation.

Once I became an Oblate in 2016, most things stayed the same, but were enhanced. I am still an ordained Protestant pastor at Oakdale Wesleyan-Methodist Church, but am also Benedictine. I am still a father and husband to a pregnant wife (due this summer), and now I have the opportunity to walk the prayer labyrinth with my daughter.

Both traditions have an emphasis on personal holiness and Christian perfection, in the biblical sense of maturity. Neither tradition would say we become infallible, but we can and should persevere and mature to that end. Both traditions also emphasize holiness in action as a social good. Benedictines are not cloistered, but out in society; Methodists believe the gospel not only transforms the individual soul, but also society through action.

Both emphasize accountability. The fifth step of humility from the *Rule* is accountability, a form similar to John Wesley's Methodist Bands. Lastly, both traditions emphasize prayer: To pray without ceasing is our labor and power.

With these parallels in mind, what it means to me to be an Oblate is to continue to do those things which Christ calls me to do as His disciple; only now doing so in a larger

Christian community. Formation is ongoing as I continue to read, attend seminars and classes, and maintain my personal devotional time in order to grow more mature in the Faith. In addition, I now come together with the Sisters and other Oblates for spiritual formation at the Monastery.

I continue to volunteer at First Care Pregnancy Center, and I now partner with my oblate sponsor to get human trafficking educational materials into

schools. I have accountability partners, and now I also have Sisters who pray for my soul and teach me humility and listening.

Along with personal prayer time and corporate prayer time with my congregation, I also pray the Liturgy of the Hours with my Catholic brethren. I pray for the Sisters of St. Paul's Monastery, and about once a month, I am able to pray with them at the Monastery.

Shortly after completing final oblation, I rearranged the degrees and certificates on my office wall. I happen to have



Above (l-r): Rev. Paul Tillman and Oblate Director Sister Mary Lou Dummer

The *Rule of St. Benedict* serves as an invitation to open our hearts to God. It summons us to recognize our responsibility in the world and the proper use of resources. Above all, the *Rule* reminds us of the fundamental value of living our lives in search and service of God, preferring nothing to the love of Christ.

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Paul and family

Membership Formation Beyond Lifetime Vows

by Bernie Troje Jr., OblSB

In their 2011 Visioning Statement, the Benedictine Sisters of St. Paul's Monastery added different paths to join their Community. Along with the vowed Religious Life, new members now join the Community via Oblate and Benedictine Associate formation.

Since 1980, over 200 Christian women and men have become Oblates at St. Paul's Monastery. In 2014, they were joined by the first two Benedictine Associate women committed to "Work and Pray" with the Sisters in Ministry.

Vocation to Membership

In 2016 – after much discussion, listening and prayer – the Community changed the name of their *Vocation* ministry to *Membership*. Prioress Sister Paula Hagen says that, "Membership makes it clearer that St. Paul's Monastery offers the laity a variety of ways to serve God with the Sisters of St. Benedict."

Membership Director Sister Linda Soler says, "The *Rule of St. Benedict* exhorts us to listen to the person seeking God and welcome all as Christ. So our Community asked and then listened for discernment on our path forward to an extended image of membership. We asked: 'What needs should be addressed? What's happening in our culture? What do candidates have to offer the community?' The Monastery is a living Community that shapes lives and is shaped by the lives of our Sisters, Benedictine Associates, Oblates, employees, and volunteers."

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two baptism certificates: One from when I was baptized at 7 years old and another from a trip to Israel as an adult, when I was baptized in the Jordan River. In the new arrangement, Baptism is at the top and the bottom, beginning and end.

To answer another of the questions I had at the beginning of oblate formation: No, I did not have to get baptized again. But becoming an Oblate of the Order of St. Benedict (OblSB) is ultimately me working to live out, and live into, my Baptism.

Oblates

Travis Salisbury was searching for a sense of stability and community.

Some of the influential people in his life, to whom he was drawn because of "their centeredness," were Oblates at St. Paul's Monastery. In 2014, he discerned that Oblate formation was the path forward in his search.

For Travis, oblate membership means community. He is now part of "a religious Community whose lives are dedicated to love. My prayers and those of the Sisters unite across the expanse of the metro."



As Coordinator of Liturgical Celebration at the Basilica of St. Mary, becoming an Oblate was a logical and important step forward in Travis's spiritual direction.

As a young man "struggling to figure out where I fit in" and who is rarely (physically) at the Monastery, he feels he's a challenge to the Community. In turn, he thinks that unusual members such as he may help the Community as it struggles with where to find and serve the needs of new members.

Travis says that "I'm also a witness for the Sisters and St. Paul's Monastery – I talk about them all the time – what these incredible Benedictine women have done for our world."

In addition to her role as Monastery Membership Director, Sister Linda serves in Hill-Murray School campus ministry and is spiritual coach for the football team. She says of the students: “They are my teachers...they have servant hearts, a passion for social justice, and they hunger for God.”

Oblates

Oblate Director Sister Mary Lou Dummer says that the *Rule of St. Benedict* prepares each person during their year in formation. And it is a lifelong process, as they go deeper into studying and living the *Rule* in prayer, discernment, contemplation, and listening for God’s call; in fellowship; in putting their faith into action; in embracing the joys and challenges of life.



Above (l-r): Bernie and Sister Linda discuss Membership

Sisters of St Paul’s Monastery Thank Mary Dickinson

With sad but incredibly grateful hearts, the Sisters of St Paul’s Monastery thank Mary Dickinson for six years leading the Committee for Benedictine Associates. (St. Paul’s Monastery is the only Benedictine Community with an established Associate program.)

May God bless you abundantly, Mary, for your beautiful example, passion, sacrifice, and the unselfish sharing of your amazing gifts!



Benedictine Associates

The first time she walked into St. Paul’s Priory on Summit Avenue 65 years ago, Sister Agnes Trombley felt a “peace that passed understanding.” She still feels that peace today in the Monastery on Benet Road. As she directs Benedictine Associate formation, Sister Agnes’s ministry is to share the peace of Christ with other women.

Associates desire more involvement in the day-to-day life of the Community. They share their gifts and abilities as they participate in the Community’s ministries and the liturgy of the Eucharist and as leaders at prayer and on the Peace and Justice Committee. Says Sister Agnes, “The Community needs them, and deeply appreciates our lay members.”



Find Out More About Membership

Call 651-777-8181 for more information about formation at St. Paul’s Monastery.

Vowed Membership, Sister Linda Soler

Oblate Formation, Sister Mary Lou Dummer

Benedictine Assoc. Formation, Sister Agnes Trombley



What Is Your Calling?

by Michael P. Kassner, OBlSB

The fact each of us has a calling may come as a surprise to some. Through our Baptism, Christians are summoned to know, love, and serve the Lord — what Pope John Paul II called a “vocation to holiness” in his apostolic exhortation *Christifideles Laici*.

Pope John Paul II went on to mention that this call to holiness is not merely a moral urging, but an undeniable requirement arising from the mystery of the Church. Christ is the vine, and we as branches live and grow with the same holy and life-giving energies that come from Him.

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During the January 8th Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Mass, Pope Francis baptized 28 infants (photo by permission Catholic Herald Ltd.)

person who in due course discerned his calling. The WWII-era German businessman began hiring Jewish workers to cut production costs and increase his profits. They were good workers and they worked for less pay. When the Nazi atrocities began, Schindler protected his Jewish employees as a business investment. As brutality against the Jews increased, Schindler embraced his calling; he escalated protection of his workers, eventually helping 1200 Jews survive the Holocaust. “Beyond this day, no thinking person could fail to see what would happen,” Schindler said later. “I was now resolved to do everything in my power to defeat the system.”

What started as a simple business decision became Schindler’s calling.

As to the details of our individual callings, that is deeply personal. Whether a momentary decision or lifelong commitment, within ordained ministry or consecrated life, as a family member or single person, we must each find our way. Our distinctive calling as Christians is not just to care for and cultivate the world. We must use our talents on behalf of those society considers marginal or unworthy. Where God’s Word is unknown, we need to find ways to proclaim Jesus as the world’s true Lord and the “image of the invisible God.” (Col. 1:15)

In the end, it matters most that we understand we have a calling and how that affects who we are, how we touch others, and how we make the most of whatever God gives us each and every day.

The summary of Pope Francis’ Nov. 19, 2014 catechesis on the Church mentions, “In the communion of the Church, each of us has been sanctified by the grace of Baptism and is called to grow in this holiness.”

Pope Francis alluding to 1 Peter 4:10-11 continues, “Whatever our state of life, we are called to live our daily lives and to fulfill our various responsibilities in prayerful union with the Lord and our brothers and sisters.”

As faithful servants of God, our task then becomes discerning our particular calling. Scripture states that after his baptism by John, Jesus began to fulfill prophecy as a servant leader. Our calling may or may not be that clear. What is clear is that everyone is here for a reason — that we each have a purpose.

Oskar Schindler is an extraordinary example of a

Hill-Murray School and the Sisters of St. Benedict

by Sister Catherine Schoenecker, OSB

When the Sisters of St. Benedict established St. Paul’s Priory in 1948, they had a house on Summit Avenue – way too small for the resident 178 Sisters. They saved every penny they could so that they could build a new residence.

Archbishop John Murray helped the Sisters find an 80-acre plot in Maplewood for their new Priory. Before they could move forward with their building plans, Archbishop William Brady (who succeeded Archbishop Murray in 1957) asked the Sister to instead build a girls’ high school on the property.



Above (l-r): Prioress Mother Marcelline, Subprioress Sister Alcuin, Secretary Sister Luanne and Ignatius O'Shaunessy review building plans. Mr. O'Shaunessy donated the school auditorium wing.

Archbishop Murray High School (AMHS) opened in the fall of 1958 with an enrollment of about 200 freshman girls. Most classes were taught by Sisters of St. Paul's Priory; Sisters traveled back and forth from the Summit Avenue Priory, some lived in a farm house near the school, some even lived in, what are today, the school's music practice rooms!

In the late 1960s, AMHS enrollment dipped to around 600 students, and the Christian Brothers' Hill High School in St. Paul was also experiencing lower enrollment. A committee was formed to study a plan to merge and rename the school Hill-Murray; in 1971, Hill-Murray High School opened with an enrollment of about 1200 boys and girls. Later, grades 6-8 were enrolled and, today, Hill-Murray School (HMS) has an enrollment of 800. And the inextricable relationship between the Monastery and School continues.

HMS students make occasional visits to the Monastery and provide invaluable assistance in various ways, including for Monastery events such as Christmas at the Monastery. The Sisters continue to assist with school liturgies and other events and ceremonies as needed and care deeply about the success of the students.



1957-58: Archbishop Murray High School under construction. In 1965, enough funds were available for the Sisters to build their new Priory next door to the school.



2016: Archbishop Hebda, HMS President Jim Hansen, Sister Linda Soler at Mary, Queen of Victory, Stadium dedication

Blessing of Land Gift to Hill-Murray School

On the February 10th Feast of St. Scholastica, Prioress Sister Paula Hagen and Hill-Murray School (HMS) President Jim Hansen blessed the deed of a land gift from the Sisters of St. Benedict. HMS board members, alumni, and staff also attended the Mass, meal and Blessing.

"It is so meaningful for our Community to gather with Hill-Murray alumni, Jim and his staff to celebrate the history and continuing relationship between the Sisters and the School," said Sister Paula.



Monastery Treasurer Sister Catherine Nehotte and Jim Hansen



Above: Prioress Paula Hagen and HMS President Jim Hansen

Below: Ceremony concludes with a Blessing



The property is South of HMS, across Larpentour Avenue. The Sisters trust that this gift will further

Benedictine Values in education and cultural activities for future generations. The day also marked the 8th anniversary of the Sisters' move from their Larpentour Avenue building (now Harriet Tubman East) to their new Monastery home on Benet Road.

Maple Tree Monastery Childcare Center

by Jennie Schlauch, Program Director



The 2016-2017 school year marks the Center's 25th anniversary. Last August, we featured special recognition with a continental breakfast, an anniversary banner, Maple Tree refrigerator magnets, a "through the years" bulletin board, a special luncheon and gifts of appreciation from the Sisters, and much more.

It is our privilege to serve families with children from six weeks to five years of age. Our mission statement challenges us to shelter our children with "love and learning" and this has been our goal throughout the years.

"We chose Maple Tree because of its welcoming, safe, and loving atmosphere. Our daughter has been attending for almost a year and still gets excited to go each day. As a parent, there is no greater feeling than having peace about where your child is, and that's why we love Maple Tree!" –The "K" Family

choosing Maple Tree, which include our beautiful grounds, dedicated staff, faith component and interactions with the Sisters, excellent communication, and stimulating curriculum.

We appreciate the Sisters of St. Benedict of St. Paul's Monastery, our Board of Directors, and the parents as they encourage and help us on our journey. Our focus is always the needs of the children. As we continue to view our calling through that lens, we happily embrace the next 25 years!

We strive to prepare the children well for kindergarten, making sure that they have a firm foundation of skills and knowledge, and also the ability to be a good classroom citizen.

The Maple Tree teachers have exceptional longevity and offer age-specific curriculum. Their dedication to the children and their decision to make Maple Tree their career choice has provided great stability for the center.

Parents have cited many reasons for

"It really puts our minds at ease knowing how well our son is cared for, and Maple Tree staff are engaged with both the kids and with us parents. Daily reports and photos of the kids at play and of their school programs – while we parents are at work, we can still connect with our child's day." –Alli Shoemaker



Photo: Elizabeth Pangerl

The Love of Words and Beauty

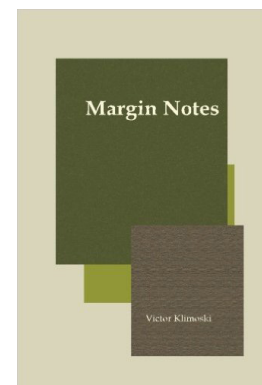
by Samuel Rahberg, ObISB, Benedictine Center Director

Those inspired by the Benedictine tradition often have a love for words and beauty. Perhaps this love is formed by years of praying the Liturgy of the Hours or through rich conversation while immersed in the fine art and stirring architectures of monasteries. Perhaps it simply reflects what noted monastic historian Jean LeClerq called "the love of learning and the desire for God."

So it is in keeping with the Benedictine tradition that friends of St. Paul's Monastery would study and write, and then release books in 2017: A book of poetry, a book for Christian leaders, and a collection of poems and art. They are available at amazon.com, and we commend them all to you for your own love of words and beauty.

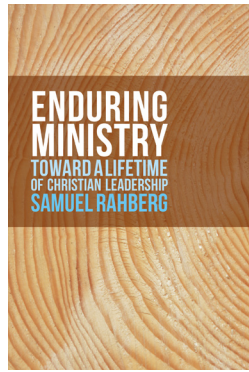
Margin Notes by Victor Klimoski

Many of the poems a writer composes often begin as private notes, ways to record the impact of life and events that catch one's attention. Over the process of revision and refinement, some of these notes find their public voice and be offered to others as they traverse much of the same ground.



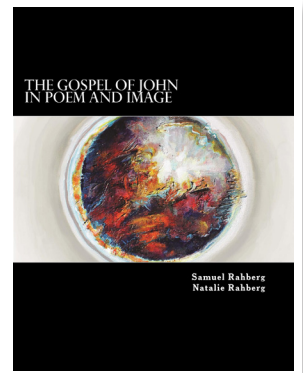
Enduring Ministry by Samuel Rahberg

This book draws on insights from the monastic tradition, the ministry of spiritual direction, and the practice of Christian leadership to empower women and men for continued ministries in the church, helping them turn from merely enduring to lasting, effective, and vibrant Christian leadership.



The Gospel of John in Poem and Image by Samuel Rahberg and Natalie Rahberg

This collection of fifty-six reader's poems, combined with twenty-six original pieces of art printed in full color, offers an inviting first read to those new to the Gospel and fresh perspective to those long familiar with its themes. In this book, siblings Samuel and Natalie Rahberg share with others the fruits of their own prayers.



Obedience, Perseverance and Little Miracles

by Ann Bechtell, Monastery Staff

"God withholds Himself from no one who perseveres." –St. Theresa of Avila

The Sisters are delighted to introduce Annette Walker, who began serving as their Mission Advancement Director last September.

That is the little miracle but first, more about obedience, perseverance and Annette.

Born into a "Hormel Family" in Austin, Annette is a native Minnesotan. She and future husband Rod met in high school; they were married and moved to Prior Lake after Annette graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout with a business degree.

When sons Alexandar and Andrew came along, Annette was able to stay at home with them. The boys have wonderful memories of teaming up for their K-12 school fundraisers: Working with mom, Alexandar and Andrew became top earners for the school marathon, magazine, greenery and other school sales promotions.

A friend who noticed Annette's enthusiasm and enjoyment in assisting her sons' fundraisers suggested she pursue certification; Annette completed certification in Professional Fundraising and later added a Volunteer Management certificate. After working at various non-profit and for-profit organizations, Annette decided to use her talents and abilities for the Church.

Annette became the Director of Shared Mission at the Cathedral of St. Paul in 2009, and that is when co-worker Sister Bernadine Frischmon came into her life.

Says Annette, "Sister Bernie was my #1 cheerleader and helped with every fundraiser. She was so wise and helped inspire and give me a better perspective of any challenges that came along. My faith deepened as a result of knowing her."

It was at Sister Bernadine's funeral in October 2015 that Annette discovered St. Paul's Monastery, and she became interested in the possibility of working with the Sisters. A year later, her interest became reality.

Annette applied for the Mission Advancement Director position but was instead hired as an assistant. Though surprised and a bit disappointed, she prayed, "OK, Sister Bernadine, I guess this is where you're leading me instead." Then the little miracle, based on prayerful obedience and perseverance, happened.



Rod and Annette with Sophia Rose (Alexandar and Andrew in background photos)

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Above: Sister Bernadine at a Cathedral fundraiser

Obedience, Perseverance and Little Miracles

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Within two days of starting at the Monastery, Annette was asked to fill the position of Mission Advancement Director and successfully implement Christmas at the Monastery 2016 in less than three months!

With a very successful Christmas at the Monastery in the rearview mirror, the next opportunity for Annette to meet friends of the Sisters will be the May 4th Prioress Dinner. (Mark your calendars!)

Says Annette: “I’m so impressed by and proud of the legacy of this Benedictine Community. They are inspirational in their ministries and vision toward the future. A vision clearly evidenced in the way that they developed this campus, first by founding Archbishop Murray School (see p. 6), then Maple Tree Monastery Childcare, Tubman, and affordable housing at CommonBond. I look forward to partnering with them as we seek to be good and wise stewards well into the future.

“Anyone who knows me can tell you that the Joy of the Lord is my strength, and it is with great joy and fulfillment that I am here at St. Paul’s Monastery to serve the Sisters and their friends and families.”



Joy in Service

by Annette Walker, Mission Advancement Director

It is an honor and a joy to be at the Monastery. I’m thrilled to bring my talent and enthusiasm to the tasks at hand. The Monastery is a hidden gem in the Twin Cities, and I hope to increase awareness of it so that more people can experience this beautiful place

Do you feel called to “stretch your wings” as a volunteer for the Benedictine Community of St. Paul’s Monastery? Perhaps you are a talented photographer or writer or would like to develop a talent; perhaps you would just like to spend more time with the Sisters in this

beautiful place where all are welcomed as Christ.

If you are financially able to support the Sisters, Oblates and Benedictine Associates and their ministries, I invite you to do so at this time.

Contact me anytime with questions, needs or ways you feel called to engage with this dynamic Community. My office door is always *figuratively* open – if you stop by and it is *physically* closed, please knock! I hope to hear from or meet you soon.

Thank you and God bless you!

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Read Often, Learn All You Can

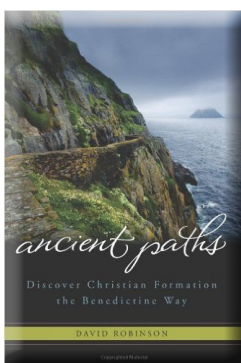
by Sister Louise Inhofer, OSB, Monastery Librarian

"You formed me in my mother's womb..." Psalm 139:13.

Once born, we continue to be formed: by parents, teachers, friends and, yes!, even by books.

St Benedict put great emphasis on books and reading. First and foremost was Scripture, then Cassian, Origen and the Desert Fathers. His monks were encouraged to read daily, even up to four hours on Sunday. Oh joy! Monks who couldn't read were read to and taught how to read.

Skipping over some of the better known authors, I discovered quite a few books that fit the theme of this issue. I chose the following books to share with you.



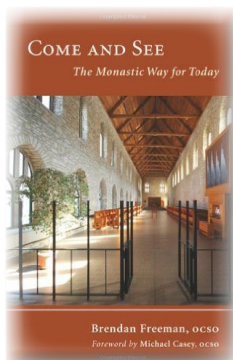
Ancient Paths by David Robinson

Ordained in the Presbyterian Church, Pastor Robinson was discouraged and looking for guidance after just two years in ministry. In 1986 he made a Monastic retreat which changed his life. This book is wonderful for those who are new to or already familiar with the Benedictine way of life.

Part one includes a fresh look at the life of St Benedict, Benedictine Values, Lectio Divina, and a creative comparison of the 12 Steps of Humility and the 12 Steps of Alcoholics' Anonymous. In part two, Pastor Robinson describes how Benedictine life and values can be adapted to parish activities, and he includes examples of parishes where this is happening.

Come and See by Brendan Freeman, OCSO

"Come and see," Jesus told His disciples when they asked Him where He lived. In *Come and See*, Abbot Freeman invites readers to come and witness life in a Cistercian Monastery. After describing Cistercian initial formation, he gets to the heart of ongoing formation which is valuable for all Benedictines. What a great refresher course! Like Pastor Robinson, he writes about Benedictine values and calls them treasures—which they are. I especially like what he wrote about silence and solitude.



As St. Jerome wrote to Eustochium, *"Read often and learn all you can. Let sleep steal upon you with a book in your hand, and let the sacred page catch your drooping head."*



LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.

Amen.

— Pope Francis

Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



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Prayer Requests

The Sisters of St. Benedict's prayer ministry is available to you anytime. You can contact the Sisters online at www.stpaulsmonastery.org and choose the "Ministry of Prayer" link on the left. You can also mail (address at left) your confidential prayer request to the Sisters, and they will attend to your request as the earliest opportunity.

The Benedictine Community of St. Paul's Monastery thanks God daily for you, for your friendship and for the opportunity to be of service.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NKJV)

Thank you and God bless you!

the Benedictine Community of St. Paul's Monastery

PRIORESS DINNER

Thursday, May 4, 2017

5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Lake Elmo Inn Event Center
3712 Layton Avenue North

Sister Paula Hagen and the Benedictine
Community of St. Paul's Monastery
request the honor of your presence

Please join us!

Recognize the 2017 Award Winners

Live Auction

Keynote from Sister Linda Soler

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online at

<https://tinyurl.com/2017Prioress>

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Upcoming Monastery Events:

May 4: Prioress Dinner

Dec. 9: Christmas at the Monastery

**For prayer times and additional events,
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Benedictine Center Highlights:

May 2: *Hearts Burning Within Us*
with Father Michael Byron

July 14-16: *Condensed School of Lectio Divina*

Aug. 4-6: *The Monastic Kitchen: Making Food
for the Body and Soul*

**For further information or to register for
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